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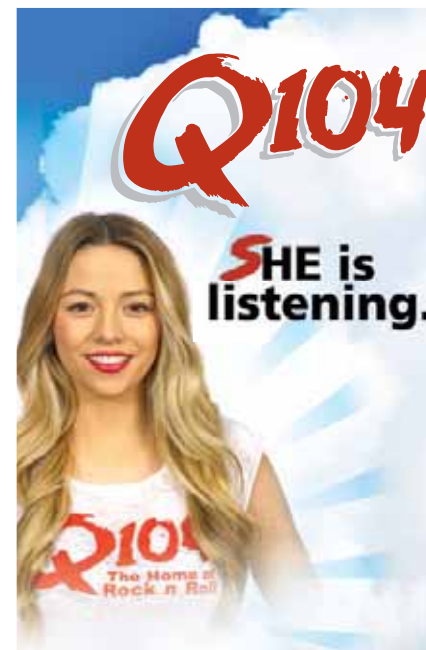
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## THRONE SPEECH: TIME TO TURN THE CORNER?

NDP OPENS SPRING SESSION WITH FOCUS ON ENERGY, EDUCATION AND SHIPS, PLUS AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PANEL TO INVESTIGATE ABUSE ALLEGATIONS AT ORPHANAGE

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## THEY'RE MAKING IT LOOK EASY

Halifax Mooseheads, from left, Stephan MacAulay, MacKenzie Weegar, Stefan Fournier and Andrew Ryan celebrate a second-period goal against the Sea Dogs during Tuesday night's Game 3 at Harbour Station in Saint John, N.B. Halifax won 6-1 and now leads the best-of-seven series 3-0. Story, page 18. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Parents, kids issue an SOS

### Save Our Schools.

Meeting heats up ahead of vote on whether to look at closing schools

#### On Wednesday

Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison, who left after the fifth speaker, said she would attend Wednesday night's board meeting.

Wary parents and students made passionate pleas on Tuesday night to prevent their schools from being reviewed for closure, prompting one Halifax Regional School Board member to storm out of the meeting in protest.

More than 50 people had a chance to weigh in on the future of four HRM facilities at the packed public meeting in advance of a gathering on Wednesday, when the board will vote on whether to review the schools.

It's something frustrated parents and students of some schools, including those of the nearly 100-year-old St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary in Halifax, have had to do several times before.

"Every time I put a kid in school, I have to come here and try to save the school," said Shannon Hansen, who said he

has rallied for St. Joseph's-Alexander to remain open three times in the last six years.

Board member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison accused the province's Department of Education of "bullying," saying it should take over the process of reviewing schools.

"I can't sit here again as a board member and go through this," said Blumenthal-Harrison before walking out of the meeting as the room erupted in cheers. "If it means the Department of Education wants to fire me, I'm sorry."

Joseph Howe Elementary, the Waverley Road site of Sunnyside Elementary School in Bedford and the Terrance Bay site of Atlantic Memorial-Terrance Bay Elementary are also on the list for possible review.

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# Public to decide on funding criteria for community transit

**Next step.** Coun. Matt Whitman claims funding requirements are too demanding



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HRM residents will get to weigh in on the checklist used to decide whether a community group gets funding to provide rural transit.

Regional council voted Tuesday to approve the criteria pro-

posed by Metro Transit, which will now be put to public consultation.

"We've got multiple consultations going on this year, one of them being the (regional plan five-year review), the other being through our transit strategic plan," said Metro Transit director Eddie Robar. "So during those consultations, we'll be looking at the rural transit options and how we're delivering that in the community ..."

The MusGo Rider service in Musquodoboit Harbour applied for \$10,000 in funding last October, which was approved, subject to meeting as-yet non-

## Rural transit

**"I'm very frustrated about the process.... These people that are putting these groups together are basically saints, in my mind."** Coun. Matt Whitman

existent funding criteria.

Metro Transit has established the funding requirements, and Robar said the MusGo business case will be evaluated by the end of next week.

With several other community groups preparing to develop similar services, some councillors said the require-

ments are too demanding.

"They jump through less hoops for more money with the province and we're reinventing the whole process, making them go through a lot more for a very little bit of money and it's very frustrating," said Coun. Matt Whitman.

Coun. Reg Rankin said more details are needed regarding a

funding source, saying annual grants seemed an "ad hoc" approach.

"There should be a request of staff to go to the public with some possible options so people know ... who's going to pay," he said. "We are inclined to roll out the service but we need to address that which is key: sustainability."

Coun. Barry Dalrymple urged Robar to ensure the consultation is held in those parts of HRM that will be most affected, noting most of the regional plan review has been held in the urban and suburban parts of the municipality.

## No sign of life. Search for car that drove off ferry no longer a rescue mission

An RCMP dive team searched the icy depths of St. Anns Bay on Tuesday for a car that plunged off the Englishtown ferry into the water.

Staff-Sgt. Craig Yorke, who was running the recovery operation from a command post on the north side of the bay, said the divers had not found the car and the RCMP still did not know how many people were inside the vehicle when it boarded the ferry Torquil MacLean and drove off the other end at about 8:45 p.m. Monday.

Yorke said by Tuesday afternoon it was a recovery operation rather than a rescue mission because it had been so many hours since the accident happened and a search of the shoreline found nothing.

The car landed in the water

## Reasons unknown

RCMP don't know why the car was driven into the water but may learn more after the driver has been identified, perhaps by speaking to family members and looking at medical information.

about 20 to 30 metres from shore and was last seen approximately 200 metres from where it entered the water.

Yorke said the operator of the ferry blew the horn and an employee tried to stop the car by knocking on a window, but to no avail.

"It happened so fast.... They tried their best to try to stop them." **CAPE BRETON POST**



RCMP divers search the icy waters near the Englishtown ferry Tuesday, looking for a car that drove off the end of the ferry Monday evening. **CAPE BRETON POST**

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Lt.-Gov. John James Grant delivers the speech from the throne on Tuesday at the Nova Scotia legislature in Halifax.  
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## Opposition skeptical of NDP balanced-budget claims

Tuesday's speech from the throne focused on general plans for energy, education and ships, but the opposition criticized the document as a public-relations exercise.

The throne speech read by Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant was titled Turning the Corner to a Better Future. It opened the spring session of the legislature.

"We're setting out the work we had to do over the last number of years, and what we see we need to do in the years to come," Premier Darrell Dexter said to reporters.

The speech includes a buy-local strategy, partnering with Irving to create a Shipbuilding Centre of Excellence, stretching Math 10 to a full year and creating the Maritime Link power grid focused

### Not in Kansas anymore



**"Obviously we're in campaign mode now."**

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil

on wind and tidal energy.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the speech was all public relations, and that it seems the NDP is laying out more of a platform than a plan for the future.

"(They're) saying, 'I want to apologize for the last four years, and hopefully, maybe, you'll give me a chance to

make it right in the next four,'" McNeil said.

Jamie Baillie, leader of the Progressive Conservatives, said the premier can't balance the budget and he is worried the NDP will use "accounting trickery" to show a paper balance while debt goes up.

"It's a collection of promises for the future to a whole variety of different groups," Baillie said. "That's just a pre-election document when Nova Scotians need a real plan to turn our economy around." **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

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# Former resident 'offended' by panel investigating abuse

**Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.** But Premier Darrell Dexter says independent review will help give all parties closure



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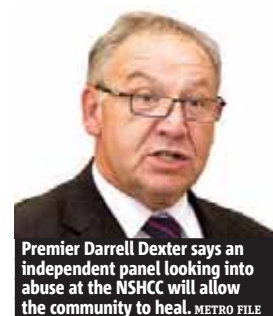
An independent panel will review accusations of abuse at the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, the province has announced, but former residents say this isn't the process they were hoping for.

On Tuesday, the speech from the throne read by Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant said the creation of the panel is in response to allegations of abuse surrounding the orphanage, and will include members of Nova Scotia's African-Can-

### Disappointment

**"The bottom line is they don't get it. How can you be that insensitive?"**

Tony Smith, former resident of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children



**Premier Darrell Dexter says an independent panel looking into abuse at the NSHCC will allow the community to heal.** METRO FILE

adian community.

"To me, it doesn't address anything about the former residents. It seems to be more again concerned about the community's needs," former resident Tony Smith said outside the legislature.

He said he was disappointed that the speech made no mention of the government taking responsibility for its actions, and that it opens up the process to those not directly involved.

"Don't include our name as part of that process. We never, ever once discussed independent council. We never, ever once stated we were going to work with the local black so-called leaders to be a part of that panel," Smith said. "I feel offended."

Premier Darrell Dexter said it was "sorrowful" to hear that both Smith and Tracey Dorrington-Skinner, who was also at Province House, opposed being involved.

"We talked to them in-depth about this process, told them that we are seeking exactly what they're seeking, which is healing, reconciliation, understanding," Dexter said.

"I don't think they can ask for all those people to be excluded from this conversation because if you're talking about healing the community, you have to include the community."

Dexter said the details of the panel haven't been confirmed, but it will look into government and historic records, as well as listen to testimony of those affected.

He added the format should be an inclusive one, and it wouldn't make sense to have a "narrow, one-dimensional" inquiry to help all sides heal.

Dorrington-Skinner said she will certainly "keep pushing" until the issue is resolved, but she wasn't surprised by the government's response.

"When we try to give some guidance as to what we need, they come up with their solution. So we're not on the same page yet," she said.

## Group rallies for better child care

Sarah Connell pushed her daughter's stroller down the sidewalk, holding a picket sign, outside the gates of Province House on Tuesday morning.

The Nova Scotia Child Care Association held an "information picket" for about 90 minutes during which more than 30 supporters cheered and passed out brochures about the need for an official early-child-care system.

"As a new mom, I'm struggling to ensure that I have care," Connell said. "We definitely need to have some more support."

Kathleen Couture, chair of the NSCCA, said investing in child care for young children is crucial and makes economic sense in the long run.

"Every dollar brings back a four- to seven- to 11-dollar return in saving money in the justice system, saving money



**Child-care workers and parents march outside Province House on Tuesday, demanding that the province invest in their work.** HALEY RYAN/METRO

in the health system," Couture said. "They're going to get money back. It's not like investing in a pulp-and-paper mill."

The early-child-care centres right now are run on parent fees and grants, Couture said, with limited spaces available for only one-tenth of Nova Sco-

tia children.

Couture said she was glad Denise Peterson-Rafuse, minister of community services, came outside to speak with protesters, and promised to meet with the group in the next couple weeks.

"I just hope they hear us," Couture said. **HALEY RYAN/METRO**



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## Bacchus. Gang member arrested in connection with drug smuggling at jail

A joint RCMP-Halifax Regional Police unit has laid numerous charges against a member of a motorcycle gang in connection with a major investigation targeting drug smuggling into a Dartmouth jail.

RCMP say 30-year-old David Bishop, a member of the Bacchus Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, was arrested around 9 p.m. Monday during a search of a residence in Bedford.

The search was related to Operation Harvey, a five-month undercover investigation into drug trafficking at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility.

Police say Bishop played a significant role in getting drugs into the institution through correctional employees.

"He's definitely a member of the Bacchus organization and was a significant drug dealer within that organization," said RCMP Insp. Joanne Crampton.

Crampton wouldn't say how large the smuggling operation was, saying there's no way to speculate about how many drugs were going in and out of

### Quoted

"I think it makes a statement of what the Bacchus are all about, in that they're involved in drug trafficking, they're involved in threats and intimidation and they're a criminal organization."

RCMP Insp. Joanne Crampton

the jail.

Bishop is facing charges including trafficking of cocaine and steroids, possession of a prohibited weapon and resisting arrest.

The Nova Scotia chapter of the Bacchus gang has only eight members, but Crampton said they have a significant impact in the overall level of criminal activity in HRM.

"They're not just here in Nova Scotia.... We also have the influence of all the others right across Atlantic Canada," said Crampton. **RUTH DAVENPORT**

## Veteran. New officer-in-charge for Halifax RCMP

The RCMP in Halifax has appointed a 23-year veteran of the force to the position of officer-in-charge.

Supt. Roland Wells was named to the post in January, and his promotion to chief superintendent will be formalized later this year.

A statement issued Tuesday says Wells joined the RCMP in 1989 with a posting in New Brunswick and various positions in municipal and rural detachments.

He has been involved in



Supt. Roland Wells  
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enforcement activity along the U.S. border and in 2010 served as the officer-in-charge of the Atlantic Region Review Services.

Wells was most recently the criminal-operations officer for the RCMP in Prince Edward Island.

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## Ongoing investigation. Man faces fraud, theft charges for gift-card scam

Police say a 19-year-old Halifax man is facing fraud and theft charges in relation to a gift-card scam making the rounds.

Halifax Regional Police say the man was arrested on March 24, after police spent several weeks investigating an increase in scams involving gift cards.

The 19-year-old is charged

with fraud under \$5,000, unauthorized use of credit card and theft under \$5,000. He is due in court May 1.

Spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said the man could face more charges as they continue to investigate other complaints.

"There are about 12 files that are still ongoing," he said. **PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO**



Luke Sullivan, 10, holds an image of the crosswalk-safety survey that students at Hammonds Plains Consolidated Elementary School took part in. **KAYLA WOODSIDE/FOR METRO**

# Students get lesson in pedestrian safety

**Grade 5 class.** Kids survey actions taken by those using a crosswalk and find many are not following the rules

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As the cafeteria of Hammonds Plains Consolidated Elementary School buzzed with excitement, teacher Rodd Hasey's Grade 5 class got ready to present its findings on crosswalk safety Wednesday afternoon.

"We did it because we heard about so many pedes-

trians being hit," said Hanna Murphy, a student in the class.

Hasey said he first came up with the idea through a newspaper article on crosswalk safety. He also had to teach his autistic son how to use the crosswalks and started to wonder if the kids in his class had the same concerns and questions.

"We were looking at it from a science point of view, with the most important questions asked about crosswalk safety," he said.

Each of the students recorded what they saw drivers and pedestrians doing based on four main actions: pressing the button to indicate they want to walk, making eye contact with the driver, extending hands in the direction they want to go and

showing appreciation to the driver.

"There was only two out of 16 people that did it, a mother and a child," Luke Sullivan said of his findings on whether people extend their arms in the direction they need to go.

"A lot of people didn't push the button either, and I think they should tighten the laws," he added.

Halifax Regional Police Const. Raymond Quesnel said the students' records as well as a police-run pedestrian-safety campaign now underway show a lack of education for pedestrians.

"Drivers are educated with drivers' education, but there's something missing here, especially for younger children," Quesnel said.

### Results

Rodd Hasey's Grade 5 traffic-survey results break down whether pedestrians took the following actions before using a crosswalk:

- **67%** — Press the button or stop at curb
- **47%** — Make eye contact with driver before moving
- **18%** — Extend hands in the direction they want to go
- **44%** — Indicate their appreciation to the driver

## Boy, 10, hit by car after running into traffic

The Mounties say a 10-year-old boy was taken to hospital but was not seriously injured Tuesday afternoon after he ran out into traffic and was hit by a car.

RCMP Cpl. Scott MacRae said the accident happened near 1435 St. Margaret's Bay

Rd. in Lakeside around 2:50 p.m.

He said the boy was playing with several other children on the side of the road when he ran out into the street.

"Two of (the children) ran out. The driver missed one

### No charges

Police do not anticipate any charges will be laid.

but unfortunately bumped the 10-year-old," said MacRae

on Tuesday.

MacRae said he was taken to the IWK Health Centre as a precaution with non-life-threatening injuries.

"Just some lower body bumps and scrapes," said MacRae.

**ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO**



# Italian court orders retrial for Amanda Knox and ex-boyfriend

**Protracted murder case.**  
Pair were convicted and later acquitted in slaying of roommate

Italy's highest criminal court ordered a whole new trial for Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend on Tuesday, overturning their acquittals in the gruesome slaying of her British roommate.

Knox, now a 25-year-old University of Washington student in Seattle, called the decision "painful" but said she was confident she would be exonerated.

The American left Italy a free woman after her 2011 acquittal — but only after serving nearly four years of a 26-year prison sentence from a lower court that convicted her of murdering Meredith Kercher. The 21-year-old Brit-

ish exchange student's body was found in November 2007 in a rented house the two shared in the Italian town of Perugia. Her throat had been slit.

Raffaele Sollecito, Knox's Italian boyfriend at the time, was also convicted, sentenced and later acquitted.

It could be months before a date is set for a fresh trial for Knox and Sollecito.

Italian law cannot compel Knox to return for the new trial and one of her lawyers, Carlo Dalla Vedova, said she had no plans to do so.

It was a tough blow for the former exchange student, whose parents have had to mortgage both their homes to raise money for her lengthy, expensive defence.

Prosecutors alleged that Kercher was the victim of a drug-fuelled sex game gone awry. Knox and Sollecito denied wrongdoing and said



Amanda Knox in 2011 after hearing the verdict that overturned her murder conviction. PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

they weren't in the apartment that night, although they acknowledged they had smoked marijuana and their memories were clouded.

An Ivory Coast man, Rudy

Guede, was convicted of the Kercher slaying in a separate proceeding and is serving a 16-year sentence.

Whether Knox ever returns to Italy depends on a

string of ifs and unknowns.

Whether Italy actually requests extradition will be a political decision made by a future Italian government.

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**Prepared statement**

## Knox reacts

Knox said it was "painful to receive the news," after the trial showed the prosecution case was "unfounded and unfair."

"My family and I will face this continuing legal battle as we always have, confident in the truth and with our heads held high in the face of ... unreasonable adversity," the 25-year-old said in a statement Tuesday.

Mark Waterbury, author of *The Monster of Perugia: The Framing of Amanda Knox*, said, "It just amazes me that the system drags on ... when the case would have been thrown out in the United States long ago."

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## Toronto mayor rejects newspaper 'lie' that he suffers from alcoholism

Toronto's embattled mayor is denying allegations that he showed up drunk for an official function last month, dismissing the latest controversy to plague his mayoralty as "lies after lies."

An agitated Rob Ford addressed the allegations briefly

at a news conference Tuesday, blasting the Toronto Star for what he called its "relentless" attacks against him.

"It's the Toronto Star going after me again," he said.

The Star reported Ford was asked to leave the Garrison Ball, which raises money for

the Wounded Warriors charity, over concerns he was drunk.

It also said current and former members of Ford's staff have described a longtime battle with alcohol abuse.

The paper's report is based on several unnamed organizers and guests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Regulator ups capital buffer on 6 biggest banks

**Too big to fail.** Move aims to limit the chance a major bank 'would encounter distress or failure,' says OSFI head

The federal financial supervisor has slapped a too-big-to-fail label on Canada's six largest banks, declaring they will need to carry a bigger capital buffer and be subjected to stricter supervision than their smaller peers.

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions said Tuesday that the "systemically important" designation stems from a framework issued by the Basel committee on banking oversight in October that set out guidelines for assessing domestic financial institutions.

Under the new OSFI requirement, the Bank of Montreal,

Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Canada and Toronto-Dominion Bank will be subject to an additional one per cent capital buffer for risk.

The banks will need to have a common equity tier 1 ratio of eight per cent as compared with seven per cent for smaller, less important financial institutions as of Jan. 1, 2016.

"The measures ... are designed to limit the likelihood that a major bank would encounter distress or failure that could negatively impact the Canadian economy or taxpayers," OSFI head Julie Dickson said in a news release.

Coincidentally, the Bank of Canada announced it would regulate SwapClear, the dominant global system for centrally clearing over-the-counter interest rate swaps operated from the United Kingdom.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



## When studying really pays off

Nick d'Aloisio, 17, displays his mobile application Summly in London on Tuesday. He has become one of Britain's youngest Internet entrepreneurs after selling the app to search giant Yahoo. D'Aloisio, who dreamed up the idea for the content-shortening program when he was studying for his exams, said he was surprised by the deal. As with its other recent acquisitions, Yahoo didn't disclose how much it is paying for Summly, although British newspapers put the deal's value at several million dollars. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Mortgages. BMO to end special low interest rate

Bank of Montreal will end a controversial low mortgage rate at the end of this week, when the limited-time offer runs out. The bank says the posted rate for a fixed five-year mortgage will return to 3.09 per cent, where it was before being lowered to 2.99 per cent.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty had called Bank of Montreal to express his disapproval of its decision to offer the special low rate starting on March 4.

The minister also praised other banks when they didn't follow Bank of Montreal's lead, and had one of his officials make a call when Manulife later announced a rate cut. Manulife decided a day later to reverse its cut, but BMO kept its offer in place.

The official date for the BMO change is Friday, but Canadian banks will be closed that day for the Good Friday holiday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Say Yes to the Dress. Kleinfeld Bridal coming to Hudson's Bay

Canadian brides could soon be crying and gushing as they say "yes" to the dress because retailer Kleinfeld Bridal is setting up shop next year in Toronto.

Hudson's Bay announced Tuesday that the department store will have exclusive rights to the luxury brand in Canada. It plans to open a 20,000-sq.-ft. Kleinfeld salon in its Queen Street location.

Kleinfeld, first founded in 1941, is famous for its 35,000-sq.-ft. salon in the Chelsea district of Manhattan that features

thousands of designer gowns. But it has come to mainstream prominence through the TLC television reality show, Say Yes to the Dress, where brides go in search of the ideal wedding gown.

Some are picky and difficult, while others are aiming to please loved ones with their choice or desperately trying to stay within their budgets. But the show usually ends with soon-to-be brides in tears as they say "yes" to their dream dress. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# WHEN YOU CAN'T BEAR PANDA HYPE

I'm not sure what it is about giant pandas.

Most of the time, they just sit there. The rest of the time they eat bamboo. Repeat.

But this week, two giant pandas are the toast of Toronto, and therefore the rest of Canada. China has loaned two of the rare bears to Canada — five years in Toronto, and then five in Calgary — and they landed at Pearson airport Monday, via FedEx.

Stephen Harper, who looks a little pandaesque himself, signed for the bears.

The rest of us will have to travel to Toronto or Calgary if we want to watch Er Shun (the girl panda) and Da Mao (the boy) just sit there and eat bamboo.

Of course, the other important panda viewing activity is watching them have sex. There are only between 1,500 and 3,000 of these bears left in the world, so whenever a pair overcomes the performance anxiety that goes with being a spectacle of international co-operation and



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produces a cub or cubs, there is much rejoicing.

There's even a form of pornography dedicated to encouraging pandas to get it on. It doesn't really work.

So Er Shun and Da Mao travelled 15 hours in a box to live in a zoo and get gawked at. Not a tantalizing prospect if you prefer the seclusion and serenity of the mountain forests of your natural habitat in Sichuan, China. But when you're on the Red List of Threatened Species, I suppose you should feel grateful you can still earn your bamboo by just sitting there, looking awfully cute.

So cute that Toronto hopes millions of people will line up to watch Er Shun and Da Mao just sit there, plus buy the inevitable panda spinoffs.

Of course, not everyone is enchanted by the panda-monium, especially those who think we should close all the

zoos and set the animals free into the wild.

Where, I might add, it is more than likely they will be systematically poached, climate-changed, overrun — and run over — into oblivion.

Any visit to a zoo these days is a depressing experience, not just because zoos are depressing places (spend some time watching morose gorillas behind glass: uplifting), but because there is literally no survival alternative for a vast array of species on display.

Zoos are, really, the last safe places for many animals. But only the cute ones — like pandas — or the interesting ones — like gorillas.

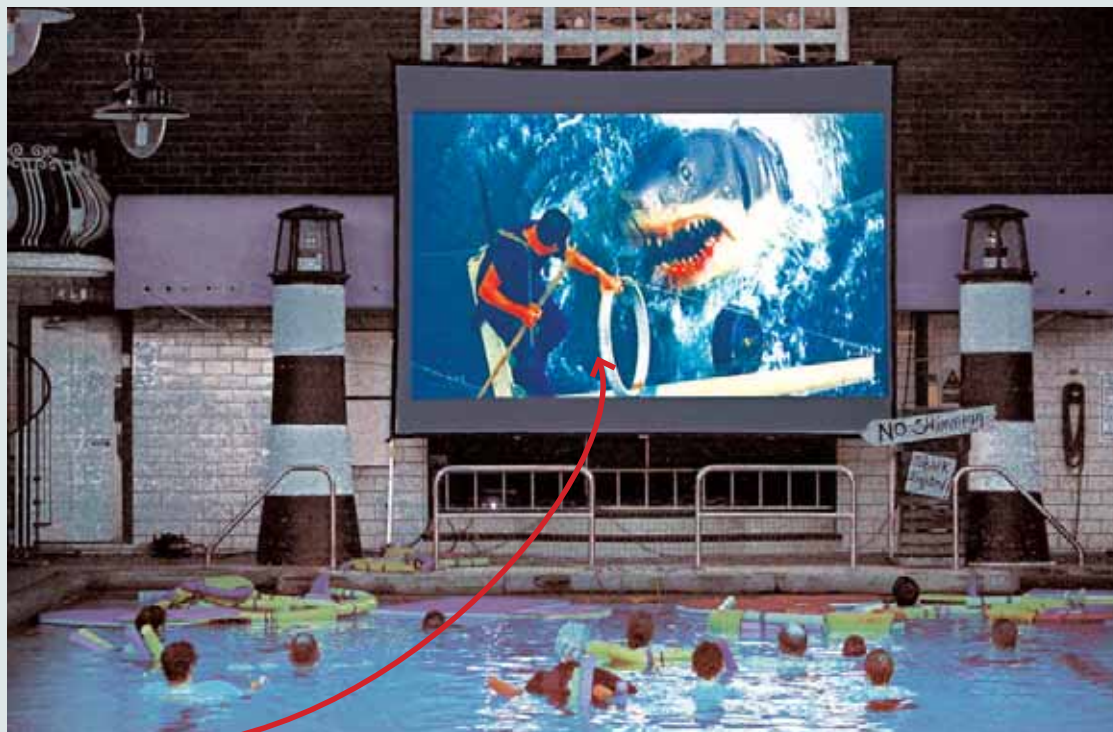
Ugly or nondescript critters just go quietly extinct without a fuss even from animal-rights advocates, who have a tendency to champion the poster pandas and leave the wart hogs to fend for themselves.

If you don't believe me, I leave you with a simple number, more eloquent than I will ever be: 200.

That's the number of species, according to the UN, that are gone every day.

## ZOOM

### Stop watching and start paddling



RICHARD GARDNER/REX FEATURES

#### Ever see a shark attack in a pool?

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water ... there's a shark attack on your screen. A swimming pool in Leeds, England, has been transformed into a swim-along cinema.

The temporary set up at Bramley Baths featured a large projector screen and speakers streaming the audio both under and over the water.

For Jane Earnshaw, cinema organizer and festival director of I Love West Leeds Festival, coming up with the idea of a swim-along cinema was simple.

"In the past, our festival organized popup cinemas in parks and housing estates," she told Metro. "I wanted to have one in a local swimming pool and I thought to myself, 'What is the most iconic water movie?' There was only one answer and it was Jaws. It was an absolute cinch." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

#### Feel like swimming?

## 15

swimmers took part in the event. Another 25 visitors flanked the pool's balconies to watch Jaws. Previous quirky events at the venue have included a floating orchestra and an underwater art exhibition.

#### Clickbait



**ANDREW FIFIELD**  
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If sending a tweet is like tossing a pebble into the ocean, then these folks who repurpose them are the heroes sifting through the silt in search of pebbles they can polish to a shine.

#### @pentametrone:

Backed by an algorithm that searches for tweets in iambic pentameter, Pentametrone gives tossed-off thoughts like "You have the morals of an alley cat," a role in a never-ending act about modern life.

#### @wesingyoutweet:

"You Tweet Them, We Sweet Them" is the motto of two balladeers who lend a beautiful voice to gripes about pet hair, weird Twitter non-sequiturs and life lessons learned.



#### Illustrated tweet of the day:

A regular feature at HelloGiggles.com offers colourfully drawn musings on topics ranging from Downton Abbey plot points to which dessert would make the best bed.

#### Comments

**RE: How Twitter #Hashtags Are Invading Our Lives, IRL**, published March 26

#sotruel I use hashtags online and verbally a lot. Especially to make a point or make a story more entertaining. For example I love to use #awkward, #romance and my all-time favourite #eyeroll!  
**Ben B posted to metronews.ca**

**RE: Tory Backbenchers Say They're Muzzled**, published March 26

Is this new(s)?  
**Albert Ormiston**  
posted to metronews.ca

**RE: U.S. Bars Test Boundaries of Legal Marijuana**, published March 26

I think what Vapor Central, a vapor lounge in Toronto, provides is a very successful model: No alcohol allowed. Like myself, many cannabis users do not drink or want to be around drinking and drunks.  
**MaryJane Cannabian posted to metronews.ca**

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Max Irons and Saoirse Ronan star in *The Host* — an alien movie from the *Twilight* author. ALAN MARKFIELD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Not your typical alien movie

**The Host.** The latest offering from the *Twilight* author flips the script on what has been the standard blood bath flick



IN  
FOCUS  
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In *The Host*, the hotly anticipated new film written by *Twilight* scribe Stephenie Meyer, a parasitic alien is injected into the body of Melanie Stryder, played by Saoirse Ronan.

Sounds grim, but remem-

ber, this is from the lady who gave us sparkly vampires and undying love, so the alien inside is kind of a lovesick creature who helps the host body find her loved ones.

That's a lot more benign than other parasitic alien movies.

The most famous alien organism — in the movie *Alien*, naturally — literally burst on the screen, poking its horrible head through the chest of John Hurt in one of cinema's most indelibly creepy moments.

To get a natural reaction from his actors, director Ridley Scott didn't fully explain what was about to happen as they shot the scene.

"Everyone (on the crew) was wearing raincoats," said Sigourney Weaver. "We

should have been a little suspicious."

When the alien came careening out of Hurt's body the actors were genuinely surprised.

Blood oozed all over the set and the shock was so intense it's alleged that Veronica Cartwright passed out and Yaphet Kotto was so freaked out he went to his room and wouldn't talk to anyone.

Much less bloody is *The Puppet Masters*, which sees the earth invaded by alien "slugs" that piggyback on people's backs, controlling their minds.

Based on the Robert A. Heinlein 1951 novel, the film starred Donald Sutherland, who also appeared in one of the genre's classics, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*.

## Scary movie

**The shock was so intense it's alleged that Veronica Cartwright passed out and Yaphet Kotto was so freaked out he went to his room and wouldn't talk to anyone.**

On the unforgettable scene in *Alien*

The original movie of the story, taken from Jack Finney's classic novel *The Body Snatchers*, dates from 1956 and has been declared by the Library of Congress as "culturally, historically, or esthetically significant," but it is the Sutherland version, from

1978, that is truly chilling.

The story of alien infiltration — humans are being replaced one by one by emotionless ETs — was called "the best film of its kind ever made" by *The New Yorker's* Pauline Kael and a movie that "validates the entire concept of remakes," according to *Variety*.

The strangest movie parasite wasn't an alien, but a bug that feeds on fear.

In *The Tinger*, these parasites attach themselves to their host's spine and tingle when the host is frightened or scared.

In its original 1959 run it was shown with the *Percepto!* gimmick that gave some of the theatre seats a small electrical jolt — or tingle — during the movie's climax.

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## The Word



### Chris Brown trying to nurse his public black eye

THE WORD  
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Chris Brown was PR coached within an inch of his life before appearing on On Air With Ryan Seacrest yesterday.

How do we know?

The singer said everything that everyone wants him to say about his brutal assault of girlfriend Rihanna four years ago.

"I just tried my best to be the best man I could be over the years and just show her how remorse-

ful and sorry I was for the incident and that time was probably the worst part of my life and being that she has and she's a wonderful person I'm eternally grateful and thankful," he said about trying to make amends with her and the world.

And as for the backlash that the two are back together?

"People are entitled to their opinions. I can't go around blaming. It's all about my responsibility and me growing up as a man," he said. "So I think now that I'm becoming older, and trying to mature in this life under the public eye at all times, I have to focus on doing the right thing and being more of a humble individual."

Now, if he would only act like he believes this.

## Twitter



@victoriabeckham  
Getting ready for Easter, making Faberge eggs!!



@MissKellyO  
Dear #poland paps I love being here & am extremely honored that you even care about me but please don't push/hit me or my fans! Its not ok!



@JimCarrey  
Wow!! haven't been on here since 10:15am. 14 hrs n u guys r still arguing without me. I'm gonna go 2 bed now but don't let that stop you! YAWN

## Cyrus and Hemsworth still working out their problems

Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth are reunited after his four-week visit to his native Australia, and all the speculation about their relationship status "has caused a lot of stress" for them, according to E! News. "There are some serious problems going on, but see-

ing them together, they do genuinely love each other and they really do want to work it out," a source says of the ordeal.

"His trip to Australia was a way for them to figure out what they wanted to do and have time to think for themselves."



Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus

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## The canals

Amsterdam's canals are 400 years old this year, but strolling along the waterways never gets old. The scenery includes Golden Age mansions dating to the 17th century, converted warehouses and narrow buildings that sometimes look like they're ready to topple over sideways. The ring of canals starts with the Singel, which boasts a floating flower market. Then come the Herengracht, Keizersgracht and finally the Prinsengracht. Once you've worked up a thirst pounding the cobbled sidewalks, stop off for a drink in one of the "brown cafés" — small bars named for their dark wooden interiors — along the canals or in the web of narrow alleys that interconnect them. If you visit the Red Light District (and most tourists do), you'll discover that it's also built around two historic canals.

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## Free things to do when in Amsterdam

## Begijnhof

The clatter of trams and ringing of bicycle bells can be an assault on the ears, but there's a hidden oasis of peace in the heart of Amsterdam if you need a little quiet time. The Begijnhof is a small grassed courtyard surrounded by beautiful 17th- and 18th-century houses that were originally built for pious Catholic single women. It's right in the middle of town and reachable by a gateway at the end of a lane leading off one of the city's busiest shopping streets, but it is almost eerily silent. The courtyard also holds a small English Reformed Church and a Catholic chapel. If you don't manage to get into the Rijksmuseum to see Rembrandt's Night Watch, right around the corner from the Begijnhof is another hidden (and free) gem of the city, the Schuttersgalerij, or Civil Guard Gallery, of the Amsterdam Museum.



## Vondelpark

The city's most famous park is just a stone's throw from Museum Square and a great place for a picnic. The 116-acre park (47 hectares) has ponds, tree-lined pathways, kids' playgrounds, an open-air theatre and cafés. You can rent inline skates, but it's mainly just a great place to lay down a blanket and sit for an hour or two watching the world go by. Look out for the Picasso sculpture of a fish in one of its meadows.



## Eye

One of Amsterdam's newest landmarks is a stark, white film institute, called the EYE, perched on the northern bank of the IJ waterway. While you have to pay to take in a movie, the café and its terrace are open to all who are prepared to buy a cup of coffee or light meal and offer a front-row seat to watch barges chug along the IJ against a backdrop of the city skyline. Remember that Amsterdam, at its heart, is a busy port. Getting there is another of the city's unsung pleasures — you squeeze onto a free commuter ferry usually crammed with cyclists from behind Central Station.

## Markets

Amsterdam's wealth began in its port with the merchants who bought and sold everything from tulip bulbs to spices from the East Indies. A little of that mercantile past can still be seen at the city's many markets. The most famous is the Albert Cuyp food market in the Pijp neighbourhood, which sells, as the city website puts it, everything from cheese to bicycle chains, six days a week. The prettiest is the Noordermarkt, a sort of grower's market that sets up each Saturday outside the historic Noorderkerk church, next to the Prinsengracht canal. The best flea market is at Waterloo Square every day except Sunday close to the Amstel River.

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**Trip tips.** Losing a suitcase is a worst-case travel scenario, but you can lessen the chances your bag ends up in limbo



**ON THE MOVE**  
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A couple of years ago while travelling to attend a conference in Barcelona, the airline lost my luggage. To add to the pain, my seat mate on the plane accidentally dropped a bowl of cereal in my lap. Arriving in wet, dirty clothes with nothing to wear was a less than pleasant experience.

Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to guarantee

that your luggage makes the trip but there are a few ways to minimize the risk and the potential pain.

If it's convenient to your travels, choose an airline that has a good track record in ensuring on-time arrivals of baggage. There are several websites, like [dot.gov/airconsumer](http://dot.gov/airconsumer), which will give you the latest statistics on how major carriers perform in this area.

When booking a flight try to make it's a direct one. The more changes, the greater the chance you or your bags could miss a connection.

Remove all old luggage tags from your suitcase before you arrive at the airport.

Label the bag inside and out with your contact information. By putting an address on the inside it ensures you can be reached even if your tags get ripped off. Use a work address versus your home address so

any potential thieves looking for houses to target come up empty handed.

Put important items such as medications and valuables in your carry on. You will not be reimbursed for all the items in a lost piece of luggage. Airlines have a maximum that they will pay per piece of luggage, regardless of the contents.

When it comes time to fly, don't check in late. Adhere to the schedule guidelines provided by the airlines. If you are running to make a flight so is your bag.

Don't forget to hang on to your baggage claim ticket as you will definitely need it should your bag go missing.

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# Lighten up Passover with simple and tasty Mandelbrot



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These Mandelbrot (biscotti) are phenomenal, not to mention very simple, by just using matzo cake meal and potato starch.

1. Combine eggs, sugar, vanilla and oil. Add remaining ingredients (except chocolate drizzle) and mix until well combined.

2. Form into one log and place on baking sheet lined with foil and sprayed with vegetable oil.

## Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 1/3 cups matzo cake meal
- 1/3 cup potato starch
- 3/4 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans
- Chocolate drizzle**
- 3 tbsp semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 tsp oil



This recipe makes 18 pieces. COURTESY OF ROSE REISMAN

Bake at 350 F, 30 minutes.

3. Lower oven to 300 F, let cookies cool for 15 minutes, then sliced into 1-inch biscotti, lay on side, and bake another 35 minutes.

4. Drizzle: Melt chocolate and oil in microwave 2 minutes. Whisk until smooth and driz-

zle over biscotti.

## Reader's note

Not all Passover traditions are the same, so the dishes on this page may not meet all dietary requirements or restrictions. **METRO**

# Instagroan: Pause before you post

## Twits not welcome.

A recruiter reminds us how to easily avoid a social media mess

**ASHLEIGH TRAHAN**  
TalentEgg.ca

Before you post that picture of yourself doing body shots during your Cancun spring break, I would like to offer you some friendly advice on how potential employers might interpret your online behaviour.

You need to make sure that you are projecting the best possible image to future employers, in case anyone who's thinking about hiring you takes a quick second to Google your name. People will be assessing what you've posted to see if there are any photos, videos or all caps irrational ranting that raises a red flag about your judgment, awareness or intelligence.

A few common sense tips can ensure that you come across as employable:

## Think before you tweet ... about how bad your job is

I've seen far too many catastrophes caused by careless tweets. We've all witnessed heat of the moment tweets about someone's failing love life and epic drinking plans (please, spare us), but I especially urge caution when it comes to social posts about your job.

It only takes one tweet along the lines of "This job is \*\*\*\* and everyone here is a \*\*\*\*\*" to get you fired.

The same applies if you decide to resign. Take a moment



Everyone lets their hair down once in a while, just have the good sense not to share evidence of the crazier times with the world. **ISTOCK**

to reflect on how rejoicing publicly about your departure from your current boss, job or co-workers could appear. Perhaps your boss is in fact an evil fascist, and maybe your co-

## @ChangeYourName

Ditch the cheesy Twitter handle

- You should be showcasing the best possible image to potential employers and @lovemonkey1990 is sending all the wrong messages.
- Sticking to your name is safest, but if you choose to use a nickname, make it something that wouldn't make your Grandma blush.

workers do give new meaning to the word psycho, but gripping about work is never a good idea. Regardless of the situation, it can make you look like a whiner and/or jerk.

## Be truthful and consistent

Now that your social profiles (especially LinkedIn) are out there for anyone and everyone to see, you need to ensure you are telling a truthful, consistent story about yourself.

If your LinkedIn profile doesn't match up to your resume, that will raise red flags and will quickly torpedo potential opportunities. Take the same care in putting together an online profile as you would your resume.

## Maintain your personality and use it to your professional advantage

While you might think I would advocate for being a passionless yuppie robot on your social media profiles, that's not the case. Having a life outside of work makes you an interesting, well-rounded person, so maintain your unique qualities and pursuits in full view (as long as your pursuits are of the legal variety).

Remember to take the time to post updates about news and trends related to your industry. This will work to your advantage by showcasing your knowledge and interest in your field to potential employers.

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Manhattan Pizza's slogan is The Way It Should Be, and for owner Kal Nasrallah, that means what a customer wants, a customer gets.

"There's something for everyone on our menu," he says. "But we'll also customize pizzas."

That means if you don't eat dairy, you can order a pizza without cheese, while vegetarians can go meat-free. "When it comes to special orders, we're very flexible," Nasrallah says.

The first pickup

and delivery location opened at 132 Main St. in Dartmouth in February 2011, then, last April, Nasrallah set up a second one with seating at 102 Albro Lake Rd. in Dartmouth, followed by a third in August at 1030 South Park St. in Halifax.

Fourteen specialty pizzas have catchy New York-themed names such as the vegetarian Central Park, the Greek Astoria and the three-cheese Tribeca.

In addition to pizza, the menu includes burgers (chicken, fish and beef), salads, donairs, chicken shawarma, chicken wings and nuggets, and fish and chips.

Nasrallah is proud that almost everything is made from scratch. "We cut our veggies fresh every day," he says. "And we use 100 per cent ground beef for our burgers and donairs."

The chefs also use a mix of mozzarella and higher-quality provolone cheese.

The No. 1 seller at the Halifax location, which is popular with students, is poutine made with cheese curds. There are seven kinds, including with potato wedges, breaded chicken, and bacon and cheddar.

Also popular is the free membership reward card, or M Card. For every \$50 spent at Manhattan Pizza, customers get a \$5 coupon to spend there. More than 300 M Cards have been handed out at the Halifax location, while the three restaurants combined have 700 M Card members.

Nasrallah is planning to launch Manhattan Pizzas in Clayton Park and Lower Sackville and says diners won't be disappointed when they stop by any of the locations.

"Quality is very important to us," he says. "We only sell customers food that we'd eat ourselves."

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# Mooseheads grab series stranglehold

**QMJHL.** All guns firing as Herd stand poised to sweep Sea Dogs



**ANDREW RANKIN**

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Sebastien Auger was merely human on this night, so the Saint John Sea Dogs got pummelled.

The 18-year-old netminder made 40 saves, but the Halifax Mooseheads just kept on coming en route to a dominant 6-1 victory in front of 2,795 fans at Harbour Station in Saint John on Tuesday night.

With the win the Mooseheads take a 3-0 stranglehold in their opening-round best-of-seven playoff series.

For Mooseheads forward Stefan Fournier, Tuesday's win was also about making amends for Game 2 where the Herd eked out a 2-1 victory after firing 45 shots at Auger.

"There was no excuse," said Fournier. "I wouldn't say this was a bounce-back effort as it was about following our structure, things simply worked out better today."

The rebuilding Sea Dogs couldn't be faulted for lack of effort but after keeping it a two-goal game after the opening period, the Mooseheads responded with three more markers in the second period. The Sea Dogs simply didn't have an answer.

Tempers boiled over with five misconduct penalties being handed out in the third period.

Stephen MacAulay and Jona-



Halifax Mooseheads forward Stefan Fournier, right, tries to get the puck past Saint John Sea Dogs goaltender Sebastien Auger in Game 3 action at Harbour Station on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

than Drouin led the way with a pair of goals while Andrew Ryan had a goal and an assist and Martin Frk rounded out the scoring for the Herd. Nathan MacKinnon, Brent Andrews and Fournier each picked up a pair of assists for the Mooseheads.

Andrews called the victory a complete-game effort. The 19-year-old Nashville Predators draft pick said he's playing with a particular urgency with no guarantees he'll be back in the league next year.

"We have a really strong

team," said Andrews. "I want to put everything on the table and give it every thing I can."

Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis said, in the end, his squad was rewarded for sticking to a simple approach.

"We just wanted to have a better start this time around and we did that," said Lewis. "It was just a matter of having the right mindset and sticking to the game plan."

The Mooseheads go for the sweep on Wednesday when the teams meet again at Harbour Station at 7 p.m.

## In his zone

### Fucile finding a way to stay focused

Halifax Mooseheads netminder Zach Fucile hasn't been very busy in this series.

He's faced an average of 18 shots in three games against Saint John. But he's finding his zone anyway.

He approaches each game the same way, whether it's the way he tapes his goalie stick to his pre-game meditation ritual, which includes sitting in the stands listening to house music.

"It's important for me to find my comfort zone because the more comfortable I am, the better I perform," he said.

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## Quoted

**"I think Saint John has a lot of pride and they have a winning tradition; they were frustrated."**

Mooseheads co-captain Stefan Fournier of the late-game rough stuff

# Wildcats watch Tigres clawback for OT win

The Moncton Wildcats let one slip away on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats blew a 5-1 third-period lead as the Victoriaville Tigres went on to a 6-5 overtime victory to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven QMJHL series.

Philippe Maillet scored the winner four minutes into overtime while Philippe Hudson added a hat trick, including the game-tying goal with 25 seconds left in regulation time.

Game 4 goes Wednesday in Victoriaville.

In other playoff action, the Bathurst Titan beat the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada 5-4 in overtime to now only trail in that series 2-1.

The Prince Edward Island Rocket also won in overtime 4-3 against the host Val-d'Or

Foreurs with Matthew Bursey scoring the winner at the 1:23 mark. Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy scored with four minutes left in regulation time to get the Rocket to the OT session. The Rocket lead the series 2-1.

Also Tuesday, Quebec beat

Chicoutimi 6-3 to take a 2-1 series lead, Baie-Comeau dumped Sherbrooke 8-2 to go up 3-0, Drummondville outscored Rouyn-Noranda 7-6 to trail 2-1 in the series, and Gatineau edged Rimouski 6-4 to take the lead in the best-of-seven. METRO

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# Looking out for No. 1: New Woods ad ruffles feathers

**Golf.** Nike says promo meant as salute to recent win, not Tiger's past marital misfortunes

Maybe winning doesn't take care of everything.

Nike is causing a social media storm with its latest online ad showing a picture of Tiger Woods overlaid with a quote from him: "Winning takes care of everything."

The ad, posted on Facebook and Twitter, is supposed to allude to the fact that the golfer recovered from career stumbles to regain his world No. 1 ranking on Monday. But some say it's inappropriate in light of Woods' past marital woes. It's the latest controversy from the



athletic giant.

Woods has long used the phrase — at least since 2009 — whenever reporters ask him about his or other golfers' rankings.

The ad has garnered hundreds of comments, many congratulating Woods on the ranking, but others commenting that the ad sends the wrong

message in light of Woods' past problems. His five-year marriage to Elin Nordegren collapsed in 2010 after multiple affairs came to light.

Others responded on Twitter. Annie Kessler, 25, in Columbus, Ohio, tweeted that the ad was a "poor choice" for Nike. She is inappropriate because of Woods' past infidelity.

Nike spokeswoman Beth Gast said that the ad references Wood's refrain that he competes to win.

"When asked about his goals such as getting back to number one, he has said consistently winning is the way to get there," she said in an email response to a query. "The statement references that sentiment and is a salute to his athletic performance." **THE ASSOCIATE PRESS**



## California coronation in D.C.

Los Angeles head coach Darryl Sutter watches as U.S. President Barack Obama head-butts a soccer ball during an event to honour the 2012 seasons of the Stanley Cup champion Kings and the MLS champion Los Angeles Galaxy at the White House on Tuesday. **SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## NHL

### Crosby's lone goal gives Pens 13th straight win

Sidney Crosby scored the game's only goal late in the second period and the Pittsburgh Penguins extended their winning streak to 13 with a 1-0 victory over Montreal on Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury stopped all 22 shots he faced but did not play in the third period following a collision in front of the Penguins' net. Tomas Vokoun filled in and made 15 saves.

Fleury appeared woozy after getting slammed into by teammate Tyler Kennedy and Montreal's Brian Gionta late in the second period. He laid on the ice for a moment to collect himself, but did not come out of the dressing room for the third.

Carey Price made 24 saves for Montreal who lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

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## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	56	14	.800	—
x-New York	43	26	.623	12 1/2
x-Indiana	44	27	.620	12 1/2
x-Brooklyn	41	29	.586	15
Chicago	38	31	.551	17 1/2
Atlanta	39	32	.549	17 1/2
Boston	36	34	.514	20
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	21 1/2
Philadelphia	27	43	.386	29
Toronto	26	44	.371	30
Washington	26	44	.371	30
Detroit	24	48	.333	33
Cleveland	22	47	.319	33 1/2
Orlando	18	53	.254	38 1/2
Charlotte	16	54	.229	40

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	17	.757	—
x-Oklahoma City	52	19	.732	1 1/2
x-L.A. Clippers	48	22	.686	5
x-Denver	49	23	.681	5
x-Memphis	47	23	.671	6
Golden State	41	31	.569	13
Houston	39	31	.557	14
L.A. Lakers	36	35	.507	17 1/2
Utah	35	36	.493	18 1/2
Dallas	34	36	.486	19
Portland	33	37	.471	20
Minnesota	25	44	.362	27 1/2
New Orleans	25	46	.352	28 1/2
Sacramento	25	46	.352	28 1/2
Phoenix	23	48	.324	30 1/2

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division.

### Tuesday's results

New York 100 Boston 85

Minnesota 105 Detroit 82

L.A. Clippers at Dallas

**Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern**

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Indiana at Houston, 8 p.m.

Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.

Brooklyn at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Pittsburgh	34	26	8	0	117	84	52		
New Jersey	33	15	11	7	82	89	37		
NY Rangers	32	16	13	3	78	78	35		
NY Islanders	33	15	15	3	96	107	33		
Philadelphia	32	13	17	2	84	99	28		
NORTHEAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Boston	31	21	7	3	89	66	45		
Montreal	32	20	7	5	98	78	45		
Ottawa	33	18	9	6	86	72	42		
Toronto	34	18	13	3	102	97	39		
Buffalo	33	13	16	4	87	102	30		
SOUTHEAST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Winnipeg	34	18	14	2	88	99	38		
Carolina	31	15	14	2	86	90	32		
Washington	33	15	17	1	94	93	31		
Tampa Bay	33	14	18	1	105	99	29		
Florida	34	9	19	6	80	119	24		

**Note:** A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

### Tuesday's results

Chicago 2 Calgary 0

Edmonton 3 St. Louis 0

N.Y. Islanders 3 Washington 2

N.Y. Rangers 5 Philadelphia 2

Pittsburgh 1 Montreal 0

Tampa Bay 2 Buffalo 1

Toronto 3 Florida 2

Winnipeg 4 Carolina 1

Columbus at Vancouver

### Monday's results

Boston 3 Toronto 2

Detroit 3 Phoenix 2

Los Angeles 5 Chicago 4

Minnesota 7 Dallas 4

Nashville 3 Edmonton 2

Ottawa 3 New Jersey 2 (SO)

San Jose 5 Anaheim 3

### Wednesday's games

**All Times Eastern**

Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Colorado at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Anaheim at San Jose, 10 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Chicago	32	25	4	3	108	71	53		
Detroit	33	17	11	5	90	83	39		
St. Louis	32	17	13	2	92	89	36		
Nashville	33	14	13	6	83	88	34		
Columbus	32	13	13	6	75	85	32		
NORTHWEST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Minnesota	31	19	10	2	86	75	40		
Vancouver	32	17	9	6	87	85	40		
Edmonton	32	12	13	7	77	91	31		
Calgary	31	12	15	4	85	105	28		
Colorado	31	11	16	4	79	100	26		
PACIFIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt		
Anaheim	32	22	6	4	104	83	48		
Los Angeles	32	18	12	2	93	80	38		
San Jose	31	14	11	6	76	82	34		
Dallas	32	15	14	3	87	97	33		
Phoenix	32	13	15	4	82	90	30		

### SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	14	39	53
Stamkos, TB	22	19	41
Kunitz, Pgh	19	22	41
St-Louis, TB	7	33	40
Kane, Chi	17	22	39
Getzlaf, Ana	12	25	37
Staal, Car	14	21	35
Kadri, Tor	14	21	35
Datsyuk, Det	11	24	35
Tavares, NYI	19	15	34
Ribeiro, Wash	10	24	34
Vanek, Buf	16	17	33
Moulson, NYI	11	22	33
Toews, Chi	16	16	32
Ladd, Wpg	14	18	32
Voracek, Pha	13	19	32
Duchene, Col	12	20	32
Zetterberg, Det	8	24	32
Ovechkin, Wash	16	15	31
Parenteau, Col	14	17	31
Neal, Phg	17	13	30
Kopitar, LA	10	20	30
Kessel, Tor	10	20	30
Semin, Car	8	22	30

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# Nothing old-fashioned about new Jeep



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## 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (290); 5.7-litre OHV V8 (370); 3.0-litre DOHC V6 turbo-diesel (240)
- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Base price (including destination).** \$41,600

## 4x4

The Grand Cherokee continues with three different 4x4 systems: single-speed Quadra-Trac I; Quadra-Trac II with a two-speed transfer case (low range for severe off-roading); and Quadra-Drive II that can direct torque to a single tire instead of just front to back.

## Engine

For 2014 an all-new V6 turbo-diesel comes on-stream. Although it has the same 3.0-litre displacement offered on the 2007/08 GC (that was sourced from Mercedes-Benz), the new version is built by an Italian supplier, which is understandable given Fiat's dominating control of Chrysler. Its 240 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque trump the previous 215/376 ratings.

Jeep is reinforcing its new cleaned-up turbo-diesel by labelling it the "EcoDiesel." Maintaining its clean bill of health involves the injection of a substance known as urea into a chamber just ahead of the muffler. The organic-based compound reacts with and neutralizes the engine's nitrogen oxide gasses. It then burns off the remaining soot and expels what little is left. The 30-litre urea reservoir should last for about 16,000 kilometres before requiring a \$50 to \$60 top-up.

## Transmission

The other component added to the EcoDiesel mix is an eight-speed automatic transmission. In fact, all Grand Cherokee power plants will be connected to the new gear changer. Jeep says it provides quicker acceleration, smoother shifting and improved fuel economy. The rear-wheel-drive EcoDiesel GC is rated at 10.3 l/100 km city and 7.1 highway. By comparison, the base gasoline 3.6 earns a 12.3/7.9 rating.

**Review.** Is it a case of 'adapt or die,' or is it just along for a high-tech ride?

**MALCOLM GUNN**  
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Sport utility vehicles might be fading from the automotive landscape, but at least a couple of Chrysler's Jeep-branded models tenaciously hold firm

to the go-anywhere concept.

Of course Jeep's warrior-inspired Wrangler is the group's undisputed icon, but there's certainly nothing old-fashioned about the updated Grand Cherokee that's now rolling off the assembly lines. The new 2014 model shows a freshly scrubbed face plus some major adjustments under the hood.

The current-generation GC that arrived for the 2010 model year was a hit right out of the gate with stylish looks,

sure-footed suspension and a smooth-running 290-horsepower V6 engine. The 360- and 470-horsepower "Hemi" V8 options (the latter attached to the super-swift SRT model) have added considerable performance luster to the lineup, but it's the fuel-efficient V6 that has contributed the most to the GC's continuing popularity.

Opting for the EcoDiesel adds \$5,000 to the \$56,600 price tag of the Grand Cherokee Overland (the base 3.6 Laredo

starts at \$41,600). Factor in the extra cost of diesel fuel, and the EcoDiesel upgrade doesn't seem quite so tempting.

But the 3,265-kilogram tow rating matches the 5.7-litre V8's while providing a 550-kilogram advantage over the gas V6 models. And the estimated 1,170 maximum cruising range might persuade buyers to seriously consider the extra expenditure.

Returning is Jeep's available air suspension with five separ-

ate height settings, along with Selec-Terrain that allows the driver to adjust the 4x4 and height/transmission settings for sand, mud, snow, rock or sport. The latter reduces the degree of traction control, lowers the ride height and directs extra torque to the rear wheels.

The physical improvements and expanded engine lineup make the Grand Cherokee a more complete package and an exemplary member of the dwindling sport ute fraternity.



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# Diesel dilemma: Going nowhere fast

**Autoknow.** Audi A5 coupe is the perfect car to prove that diesels are, in fact, for real

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Chevrolet is doing it with the Cruze and Mazda is going to do it with the new Mazda6. Of course, Volkswagen has been doing it forever, while the Jeep Grand Cherokee is going to get back into it.

"It," of course, refers to diesel engines, which have been a no-brainer in Europe for decades.

And then there's this car. Walter de'Silva once said it's the most beautiful car he has ever designed. He should know all about that, since he heads up the styling department at Audi.

And the gleaming blue A5 coupe sure looks like a sports car with two doors, six-speed manual transmission and 19-inch wheels. The base engine is a stout gasoline V6 with 265 horsepower. There's a supercharged model, called the S5, with about 60 more horsepower. Both have Quattro all-wheel-drive. But this ... is different. It's an A5 sports car with a diesel engine.

Of course it's not available in North America — yet — but it is available in Europe. And a fast drive on an unlimited-speed section of the German Autobahn is just the ticket to confirm this two-door's claim as a true sports machine. Out here, looking the part just isn't going to cut it, especially when nearly every other car is a BMW or a Mercedes-Benz driving in the fast lane.

The A5's 220-horsepower 3.0-litre diesel engine is a



What does Europe know that we don't when it comes to diesels? Perhaps when our gas price doubles, 20 per cent fuel savings will mean more. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA



It's usually tough to act all cool when you're driving a diesel, but this isn't any ordinary diesel.

new strain of diesel with a combination of civil driving characteristics, outstanding torque (more than 400 pound-feet from a small V6, which is nearly double that

of the gas V6) and a projected average fuel economy in the 5.5-l/100-km range.

In terms of performance, Audi's numbers are 5.9 seconds for the sprint to 96 km/h and a top speed of 248 km/h, 0.2 seconds quicker and 50 km/h faster than the base gas V6. Wow.

Largely absent from North American roads, thrifty diesels are immensely popular in Europe, where fuel costs significantly more. At home in Canada, diesels are relegated to strong-man work, sometimes deemed too uncouth for much of anything else. But a new-generation diesel is upon us that uses cleaner fuel while filtering out the black grime that used to be synonymous with diesel ownership.

But a sports car? It's the perfect vehicle to prove that diesels are, in fact, for real. Audi also has sound logic for its development of diesel engines: the U.S. Environmental



Although the diesel is peppy around town, the fact that its rev ceiling is only about 4,500 rpm means you are rowing the six-speed manual transmission a lot. One strategy is to keep one gear ahead of where you would need to be with a gas engine. Just lug the engine in fourth instead of winding it out in third, for example.

Protection Agency predicts that 500 million barrels of crude oil could be saved every year in the United States alone if just one third of all vehicles were diesel powered. While about half of European vehicles are equipped with diesels, in North America that number plunges into single-digit territory.

So, here we are just outside of Munich, Germany, on a sunny spring day with the Alps carving a distinct-but-random path across the horizon.

Despite what you might have heard about the quietness of new-generation diesels, you can still tell this A5 has a diesel, although at idle it's as quiet as any gas engine. Winging the throttle reveals a slight ticking, like a

loud cat purring, at the lower end of the rev range, but nothing offensive.

A small hint of turbo lag — the time it takes for the turbocharger to build boost pressure and thus power — is present, but then an exhilarating rush of torque has you on your way. But almost immediately, you have to shift. Yes, probably the most obvious adjustment to your driving style, especially in a sports car, is learning to short-shift the diesel — which means to shift much sooner than you're used to.

For example, the gas V8 in the Audi RS5 pulls past 8,000 revs. The diesel? A whopping 4,500. So, you spend much more time shifting up and down when you drive a diesel

sports car because the time spent in any gear is minimized by the very narrow rev range.

On the plus side, the engine is only running at 4,200 revs or so at the maximum speed, which we can verify to be 248 km/h, or slightly better, as shown on the speedometer. At that rate, the A5 is gobbling up a football field every 1.3 seconds and the Alps are filling the windscreen in a hurry.

Will diesel fly? If it can fly like this on the Autobahn, then it just might have a chance.

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# Parking meters are a window into the soul

**Auto Pilot.** What your parking meter usage reveals about you



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A parking meter is not just a device to pay for street parking. How a person uses or doesn't use a parking meter says a lot about them.

If you find yourself drunk and sawing the heads off parking meters, like Paul Newman's character did in the movie *Cool Hand Luke*, it probably says you should back off the booze a bit.

Otherwise, it might be about how much risk you're willing to take. My friend Bob and I usually take turns driving to our downtown badminton club. There's pay-enforced street parking until 9 p.m. If he drives and it's 8:45 p.m., he doesn't think twice about rolling the dice with the parking meter police.

When I'm driving, I always

make sure I'm paid up until 9 p.m. I don't like gambling of any kind. So there's that, and the fact that during one bad spell I got so many parking meter-related tickets out of carelessness that I gave up.

I pay even if it's just a minute to run in for coffee. I overpay even. The parking meter people won. They beat me down like a pack of young boys in a circle trying to kill a snake in long grass, with shovels.

Another badminton mate, Robert, goes a bit out of his way to find non-metered (and free) parking. He does this not because he's cheap, but because he's principled. He can't abide the reality that he could drive his car continuously on the streets 24/7, but the second he stops on the side of the road he has to pay.

He reasons it's the same piece of pavement, as a taxpayer, that he has already paid for. He's got a point, and it got me thinking about a new use for self-driving vehicles — as drones to make sure you never have to stop for pay-enforced parking.

Nothing enrages people like that yellow parking ticket

## Parking meter fun facts!

- The world's first installed parking meter was in Oklahoma City on July 16, 1935.
- In 1960, New York City hired its first crew of meter maids — all women. The first man was hired in 1967.
- Chicago has North America's highest downtown parking meter rates — \$6.50 per hour.

under the wipers. People fight parking tickets with the energy, vehemence and resolve usually reserved for toppling corrupt regimes. This could reveal that you have untapped reserves of chutzpah. Or that you should be chilling out a bit more ... maybe try pilates.

At this point, wanna joke about a parking ticket? No. Fine. Apparently that's an actual joke about a parking ticket.

See, even the jokes about parking tickets suck. Parking tickets are not cool.



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Besides the exceptional service from the friendly and knowledgeable staff, there are a number of other reasons why people choose Dartmouth Dodge, says service manager David Rideout.

"We are metro's only MOPAR Express Lane," he says.

This no-appointment service provides a quick-service oil change, brake inspection, battery check and ensures one's tire wear, pressure and alignment are all in working order.

The MOPAR Express Lane can also perform other services, including tire rotation, replacement of air filters and wiper blades, as well as the topping up of all fluids and the lubing of door



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latches and hinges. This is all done in 30 minutes. The nearest MOPAR Express Lane — excluding Dartmouth Dodge — is found in Truro. In addition,

Dartmouth Dodge also has a Hunter HawkEye Elite machine that automatically checks a vehicle's wheel alignment when it comes through the drive-thru to

determine whether it is aligned or not. A customized printout is also given to the customer.

For people whose service is going to take a little longer, Dartmouth Dodge's waiting area offers a comfortable setting for the whole family. The waiting area has Wi-Fi Internet access, satellite TV, three desks for people who want to work while waiting, as well as a children's play area nearby.

For the busy individual, the service department has extended hours, Saturday service, a free shuttle service, as well as a loaner car that can be booked.

Dartmouth Dodge is a part of Auto-Canada, one of Canada's largest multi-location automobile dealership groups.

Whether a vehicle has five kilometres on it or 500,000, customers will experience the Dartmouth Dodge difference.

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## DON'T NEGLECT YOUR VEHICLE

Although Canadians have a reputation for being neat and tidy, focusing on cleanliness doesn't appear to be a priority when it comes to their cars. Despite spending an average of five hours per week in a vehicle, Canadian drivers do not clean them regularly, with 73 per cent of respondents cleaning their car interiors less than once every few months according to a survey conducted by Canadian Tire.

Beyond crumbs and spills, four-legged passengers can also contribute to a messy vehicle. Twenty-three per cent of Canadian drivers typically travel with pets, but only 14 per cent of those that do make an effort to limit dirty paw prints, hair and unwanted slobber smears by putting them in a travel carrier.

Despite a climate that lends itself to salt stains, tree sap, mud, bug splatters and bird droppings, Canadian drivers don't wash the exterior of their cars nearly as often as one might expect. Survey results show that only 51 per cent of Canadian drivers wash the exterior of their cars regularly (more than once a month). What many drivers don't realize is that long-term exposure to dirt and grime damages the clear coat on a vehicle. This not only impacts its appearance but can trigger the occurrence of rust not to mention decreasing the value of a car.

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the Go Tire of Halifax franchise with her husband, Scott.

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# ASSESS THE MESS, KEEP YOUR GARAGE CLEAN

According to a recent Canadian Tire survey, 61 per cent of Canadians are regularly looking for new storage solutions and tips on how to better reorganize. Follow these three easy steps, courtesy of Jordan Shiffman, an expert in storage and organizational solutions, so that this spring you can have your dream garage and a spotless car to complement it:

## ASSESS THE MESS

Pick a sunny morning to pull everything

out of the garage and take inventory. You will immediately see what you no longer need.

## KEEP IT CLEAN

The survey results also uncovered that despite spending an average of five hours a week in their vehicles, only half of Canadian drivers clean the exterior regularly (more than once a month). Pressure washing the garage and your vehicle is a great way to get rid of cor-

rosive winter road salt or sand lingering in both places.

## ZONE YOUR SPACE AND THINK TALL

With the garage clean and clear, try to visualize where the big things like the lawn mower might fit. Use available wall and ceiling space for storage; customizable wall track panels are useful for getting tools, sporting equipment, lawn and garden accessories off the ground, making space for your vehicle.



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You wouldn't drive even a few blocks without buckling up your children, but what about your pets? Letting them ride unrestrained can pose a serious danger to the pet, to people in the car and even to first responders if something happens and you need help.

Pets are safest when tethered in the rear seat, says Christina Selter, editor at safety advocacy group BarkBuckleUP. "They can sit down or move around, but they can't fall off the seat, and they can't get out of the vehicle," she says.

Your steering wheel and dash contain airbags that can deploy at 300 km/h in a crash. If your dog is on your lap, the airbag will kill it. It will also slam the animal into your abdomen, causing internal injuries. It's also distracting to drive with a pet on your lap, and your steering ability is severely limited, especially in emergency situations.

If your pet gets behind the brake pedal — a favour-

## More pet -safety tips

- Don't restrain your dog with a thin-strapped walking harness. Travel harnesses have wider straps, which help to avoid internal injuries.
- A pet can sustain fractures just by falling off the seat when you hit the brakes.
- Never let your dog ride in an open pickup truck bed, where even a fender-bender could be fatal.

ite spot for cats — you'll cause serious injury when you hit the brakes, and you won't be able to stop safely.

As well, an unrestrained animal can fly through the car with deadly force. Selter says that if you crash at just 56 km/h, your 27 kg dog will become a 1,224 kg projectile that can seriously injure or even kill human passengers.

Your dog could become territorial with first responders, preventing them from helping you, or your frightened pet could bolt from the car if someone opens the door. This could result in the animal being run over, or even cause another collision as drivers try to avoid it.

Pet stores sell harnesses that secure to the car's seat



BarkBuckleUP says it's best to tether pets in the rear seat. BARKBUCKLEUP

belts (never buckle them in with a collar), but make sure the leash is short enough that the animal can't tumble off the seat. If you use

a carrier, secure it with a seat belt so it doesn't bang around in a crash.

"Pets will get used to a travel safety product,"

Selter says. "Let them wear it around the house and praise them for wearing it. Do short rides at first, until they are used to whatever product

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no point trying to convince people who don't want to be convinced. The only way you can win over those who doubt you is by practicing what you preach.

### ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There may be a pile of work that needs to be done but does it have to be done immediately? Of course not. Stay calm and make today a day of relaxation.

### ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You probably don't care in the slightest that not everyone approves of your methods. That's fine, but don't antagonize people for the sake of it. Haven't you got enough problems already?

### ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Both career and family matters may be under heavy influences at the moment but in a matter of days you will realize there was precious little to really be worried about. A sense of humour is a must.

### ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Travel plans may not run smoothly today and although you may take delays in your stride other people will get hot under the collar. Make things easier for yourself, and others, by not making last minute changes.

### ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's full moon may have you behaving in irrational ways, so wait a day before making important decisions. Do something positive and try not to give yourself too much time to think.

### ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

More than likely you will find yourself at odds with loved ones. If you get through the day with no blazing rows, you will have done very well indeed.

### ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

With the right attitude, all things are possible. With the wrong attitude even the smallest of problems seems insurmountable. Keep that thought in mind and you will find it easier to smile and get through the day.

### ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You are acutely aware of injustice but sometimes you see injustice where it does not in fact exist. Be careful what causes you get involved in today because your emotions may be a little bit off-centre.

### ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You know what you like and you don't care if no one else on the planet agrees. You may face considerable opposition today but in a strange way it will energize you.

### ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Why do so many people you don't like insist on getting close to you? Maybe it's because your subconscious is attracting them. Or maybe they're in the mood for a fight. Either way, there will be ructions today.

### ♓ Pisces

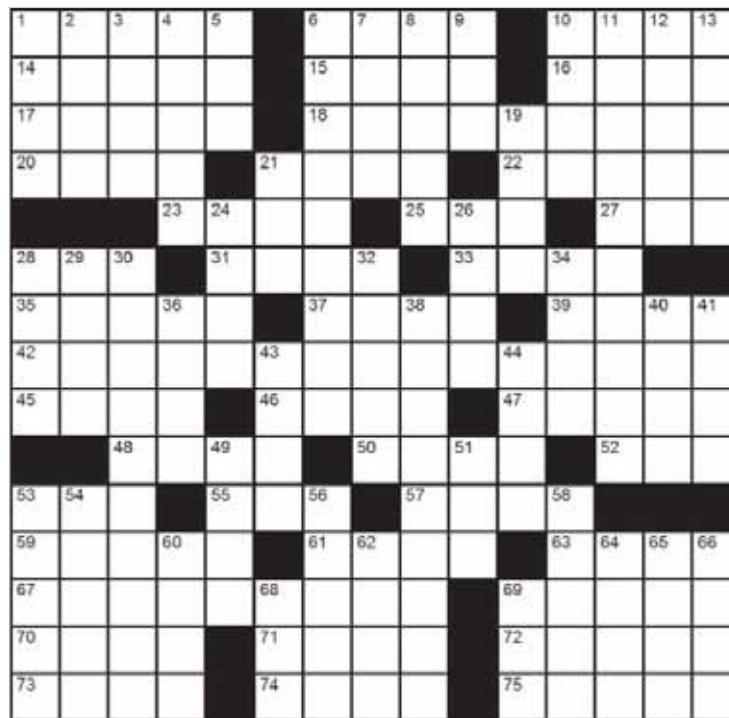
Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't jump to conclusions today or you could spend the rest of the week apologizing for something. It may look as if someone is behaving in anti-social ways but looks can be deceiving. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Singer Justin, to fans
6. "\_\_\_ and Michele's High School Reunion"
10. Helper, for short
14. Sarah McLachlan song
15. Bit of a classic tongue-twister, "\_\_\_ Wood sawed wood."
16. "The Cosby Show" son
17. Newfoundland's \_\_\_ Banks
18. NFB = National \_\_\_
20. Riverbank deposit
21. Reply to, for short
22. Get married again
23. Mix
25. "Hotfoot it, horse!"
27. US tax bureau
28. Bawl
31. CANADA has \_\_\_ Three As...
33. Double
35. Without the extras
37. Zap
39. NY Mets ballpark, \_\_\_ Field
42. Cadbury's seasonal treats: 3 wds.
45. Actor, Dick Van \_\_\_
46. Carrier of blood
47. Purport
48. Roof's rim thingy
50. Env. info
52. "Promiscuous" singer ...her initials-sharer
53. Decide
55. Hesitant sounds
57. Don Juan type
59. Rustic retreat
61. Potato chips brand



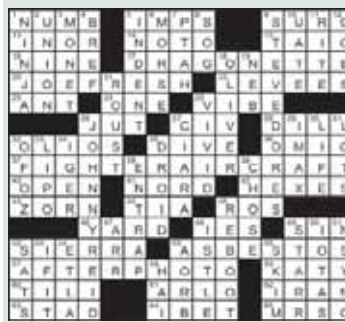
63. Does up a jacket
67. CBC series set in the Alberta foothills
69. FOX's "Glee" character
70. Rattling breathing sound
71. Border
72. Bryan Adams tune
73. Photocopies made

- bigger, for short
  74. Celebrity chef, Paula \_\_\_
  75. Where actors might be: 2 wds.
- Down**
1. Purses
  2. Crucifix inscription
  3. Equal: French
  4. Tendencies

5. Like the purchased house [abbr.]
6. Citation
7. Medical suffix
8. Ralph \_\_\_ ("Happy Days" role)
9. "Delish!"
10. Stick \_\_\_ in the water
11. Jean Chretien's home-town in Quebec

12. More dry
13. Namesakes of actor Mr. Bridges
19. Cauldron's content
21. \_\_\_ Tin Tin
24. Musical quality
26. Any thing
28. Went too fast
29. Skin care products brand
30. Sport invented in 1891 by McGill grad James Naismith
32. Governing body of The Vatican
34. Reykjavik is its cap.
36. Virginia willow
38. Canadiens great goaltender-turned-politician: 2 wds.
40. Two-days-from-Wed. exclamation!
41. Belief systems
43. Winnebago owner, informally
44. Hosiery hue
49. Let off steam
51. Li'l hairstyles
53. Earthy pigment
54. Praiseful hymn in ancient Greece
56. "Run Runaway" band from England
58. Canadian rock producer, Bob \_\_\_
60. Wraths
62. Brad's beloved, briefly
64. "Take \_\_\_ a blessing.
65. Hardwood flooring choice
66. Show to one's table
68. Zeppelin's pal
69. Hubhub

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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